

REMARKS

The present remarks are submitted in response to the official action dated July 12, 2005. This response is intended to overcome all of the objections and rejections made by the Examiner in that official action. Reconsideration of the application in view of the present amendment and remarks is respectfully requested.

As required by the Examiner, a new IDS is being submitted with this response with the incorrectly identified reference removed.

The Examiner's various objections to the specification have been noted and an earnest effort has been made to overcome the reasons for the objections. A complete listing of the specific changes to the specification has been included and a substitute specification (a clean copy of the specification amended as provided above) is attached provided in view of the numerous changes and additions. No new matter is believed to have been added by virtue of the additions and changes in accordance with this amendment.

Claim 1-4, the originally presented claims, were objected to and rejected by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. 112 as being indefinite for the specific reasons noted in the official action. By this amendment original claims 1-4 have been canceled and replaced by new claims 5-9. The new claims were drafted in the light of the Examiner's objections and rejections and are believed to now be in allowable condition. Certain amendments were added to the specification in order to comply with the written description requirement.

The originally presented claims were also rejected under 35 U.S.C.103 as being obvious over primarily the noted patents to Schultz and Reppert. New claims 5-9 are believed to patentably distinguish over these references for the following reasons.

New claim 5 is directed to a tool that adjusts depth of cut to two surfaces by including means to move the housing of the tool with respect to said surfaces and with respect to a fixed blade holder, all as described and claimed. The Shultz reference accomplishes movement of analogous blades in its tool arrangement by moving the blade its within its holder, to adjust in one direction (the direction of the butt surface) and moving the shaft on which the blade is mounted axially in the direction of the major surface to be cut, to accomplish the second adjustment. The Reppert reference adds nothing to the what is taught in Shultz at the above noted points of novelty of claim 5. The remaining dependent claims (claims 6-9) are believed to be allowable at least for the reasons discussed above with respect to claim 5 and for other reasons.

In view of the above, this application is believed to be in condition for allowance and reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested

The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned attorney to discuss any matter that would expedite allowance of the present application.

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